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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I beg you to support local and competitive internet service providers. I am a current subscriber to Sonic which is an alternative provider in my area. I rely heavily on the internet for my work-I do all my work on line and work from home most of the time. This enables me to be a productive worker- contributing to the scientific infrastructure for the US and global community- as well as a present parent.

If you continue the path of deregulation and competition bashing my options will be limited and my spending power decreased. Surely the cost of my internet will increase and my access to resources used for work may even be throttled because, as a non profit, we cannot pay for preferred access.

I chose sonic because they are competitive in price but mostly because they respect my privacy. I would like to continue to have the option to choose a cost- effective, high speed internet provider who does not monetize my internet searching.

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